

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

Member of Congress, Guam

A lifetime public servant, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo was elected in 2003 as Guam's first woman representative to U.S. House of Representatives. She brings to Congress over forty years of experience in the Government of Guam and numerous non-governmental organizations. The 115th Congress is Congresswoman Bordallo's eighth term.



Congresswoman Bordallo serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Natural Resources. She is the Ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee on Readiness in the House Armed Services Committee and is also a member of the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. In the House Committee on Natural Resources, Congresswoman Bordallo serves on the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaskan Affairs as well as the Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans.

In addition to her committee responsibilities, Congresswoman Bordallo is the vice chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), co-chair of the Air Force Caucus, and co-chair of the Long Range Strike Caucus. She is also a member of the U.S. Philippines Friendship Caucus, the Korean Caucus, the Army Caucus, the Navy/Marine Corps Caucus, the National Guard and Reserve Component Caucus, the Travel and Tourism Caucus, the Women's Caucus, the Taiwan Caucus, and the Wounded to Work Caucus, among others.

Congresswoman Bordallo began her public career with Guam radio and television broadcaster KUAM in 1954. Her involvement in the community has also been extensive, with Congresswoman Bordallo founding the Guam Council of Women's Clubs, the Guam Symphony Society, Y Inetnon Famalao'an (Women for Service), and the Marianas Association for Persons with Disabilities. She was also a past President of the Federation of Asia Pacific Women's Associations (FAWA) and has been in dozens of leadership roles in other community organizations throughout her life.

Congresswoman Bordallo was introduced to public service through her husband Ricky, who served as Governor of Guam from 1975-1978 and 1983-1986. As First Lady, she was a strong advocate of promoting the indigenous Chamorro culture and the arts, both of which are lifelong passions. Between her husband's two terms as governor, Ms. Bordallo became the first woman from the Democratic Party to serve as a Guam Senator. She was a member of the 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd Guam Legislatures. Following Governor Bordallo passing in 1990, Ms. Bordallo decided to continue her husband's legacy. She ran for governor of Guam in 1990 and won the nomination of the Democratic Party. Although she was not successful in 1990, in 1994, Ms. Bordallo teamed up with then-Senator Carl Gutierrez and was elected as Guam's first woman Lieutenant Governor as part of the Gutierrez-Bordallo gubernatorial ticket. She served two consecutive terms as Lieutenant Governor during which she championed the cause of island beautification as a way to enhance Guam's tourism based economy.

Congresswoman Bordallo was born in Graceville, Minnesota and is a resident of Tamuning, Guam. She and her late husband, Governor Ricardo J. "Ricky" Bordallo, have a daughter, Deborah, and a granddaughter, Nicole.